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SUMMARY: WE DISCUSSED US PERCEPTION OF OECD CONSENSUS ARRIVED AT DURING ROME IFAD MEETING WITH KENNETH OSBORNE, HEAD RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (ODM). OSBORNE'S OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IFAD AND HE WILL BE UKDEL TO JANUARY MEETING IN ROME HE CONFIRMED BASIC HMG SUPPORT FOR OECD CONSENSUS AND AGREED JANUARY WORKING GROUP MEETING SHOULD ATTEMPT TO BUILD ON WORK ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED RATHER THAN WASTE TIME ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES. HE ALSO PROVIDED US WITH INFORMAL DRAFT PREPARED BY ODM LEGAL ADVISER OF MODIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULE 2, ARTICLE 6, SECTIONS 3A AND 6A ON DISTRIBUTION MF VOTES IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. AND ARTICLE 6, SECTION 5A ON ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTING CATEGORY I MEMBERS. TEXT WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO USDEL FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL TO DEPARTMENT AND ROME. END SUMMARY

1. WE PROVIDED OSBORNE WITH AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL JANUARY 2 AND NOTED IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO HAVING JANUARY WORKING GROUP MEETING BUILD ON CONTACT GROUP'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS. OSBORNE CONFIRMED HMG AGREEMENT WITH OUR PERCEPTION OF CONSENSUS REACHED ON SYSTEM OF WEIGHTED VOTING IN GOVERNING COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ON QUESTION OF QUORUM FOR BOTH AS OUTLINED PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTEL. HE STATED HMG AGREES FUNDAMENTALLY WITH POSITION ON VOTING IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL BUT HE PERCEIVES POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES OWING TO LARGE NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS PROPOSED BY US. HE FEELS MAKING THE EXCEPTION THE RULE WILL DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPROMISE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTING. HE SAID GROUP A WILL AT LEAST HAVE TO LOOK AGAIN VERY CLOSELY TO DETERMINE WHICH EXCEPTIONS CAN BE DROPPED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE MORE IMPORTANT.

2. OSBORNE ALSO CONFIRMED HMG AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSENSUS ON ISSUE OF DIRECT LENDING TO GOVERNMENTS. HE FORESEES PROBLEM, HOWEVER, OVER QUESTION OF MONITORING. INDIA WITH PAKISTAN AS CLOSE SECOND WILL BE LEADING ADVERSARY ON THIS ISSUE HE WILL RECOMMEND THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OECD DELEGATES MAKE CONCERTED EFFORT TO LOBBY BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN ON THIS QUESTION DURING MEETING. FINALLY, HE REAFFIRMED HMG POSITION THAT THERE MUST BE OPEC/DAC PARITY ON CONTRIBUTIONS. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO INSIST ON TOTAL OF 1 BILLION DOLLARS HE INDICATED THAT REASONABLE APPROXIMATION OF THIS FIGURE MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT TO AT LEAST TRIGER OPERATIONS.

3. IN CONCLUSION OSBORNE LISTED WHAT HE CONSIDERS THE THREE KEY ISSUES OVER WHICH OECD COUNTRIES WILL HAVE MOST DIFFICULTY WITH GROUPS B AND C. THESE ARE WEIGHTED VOTING, OPERATING THROUGH NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE EXTENT OF MONITORING THAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDIA, AND THE TRIGGER MECHANISM AND EXTENT OF LIKELY OPEC CONTRIBUTIONS. IN LIGHT OF ARAB STATEMENTS DURING LAST ROME MEETING HE IS NOT TERRIBLY SANGUINE ABOUT OPEC ACCEPTANCE OF PARITY WITH DAC.

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